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**INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION**

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**Siliconized Surgical Needles And Methods For Their Manufacture**

**SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION**

the specification of which: (complete (a), (b) or (c))

(a)  is attached hereto.  
(b)  was filed on September 27, 2001 as  Serial No. 09/964,901  
or  Express Mail No. \_\_\_\_\_, as Serial No. not yet known  
and was amended \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).  
(c)  was described and claimed in PCT International Application  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and as  
amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_ (if any).

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR**

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56(a).

**FOREIGN PRIORITY CLAIM**

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, U.S.C. §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the

United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

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(d) [ ] no such applications have been filed.  
(e) [ ] such applications have been filed as follows

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(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS U.S. APPLICATION

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CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER U.S./PCT APPLICATION(S) UNDER 35 U.S.C. §120

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §120 of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America that are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §120, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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U. S. APPLICATIONS

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PCT APPLICATIONS DESIGNATING THE U.S.

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